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Amendment and Response dated February 8, 2008
Reply to Office Action of August 9, 2007

Summary of the Interview

The Applicants thank Examiner Theodore J. Stigell for the courtesy extended to the undersigned attorney in a personal interview conducted on January 10, 2008. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 713.04, the substance of the interview is recorded hereafter.

Nature of Exhibit/Demonstration

No exhibits or demonstrations were presented.

Claims

Claims 1 and 11 were discussed.

Prior Art

U.S. Patent No. 6,210,371 to Shaw was discussed.

Principal Proposed Amendments

The amendments to claims 1 and 11 set forth above in the listing of claims were discussed.

Principal Arguments

Shaw fails to anticipate either of claims 1 or 11, at least because the retraction body disclosed in this reference does not move to a rearward position in which a portion of the retraction body is outside the housing.

Results

Agreement was reached that the amendments of claims 1 and 11 as presented in this paper overcome the art of record. The Examiner indicated that favorable consideration would be given to the amended claims, pending the results of an updated search of the prior art.